distributors in and around Ahmedabad have been terminated during 1995:

1. M/s. Teela Gas Service.
2. M/s. Sabar Gas Service.
3. M/s. Gayatri Gas Service.
4. M/s. Harshida Gas Service.

Immediately on termination of these distributors, the customers attached to these distributors are being serviced by nearby distributors.

(b) and (c) 65 LPG distributorships have been included in the LPG Marketing Plan 1992—94 for Gujarat. LOIs for 43 LPG distributorships have been issued. 10 distributorships out of 43 have since started functioning. Actual commissioning of distributorships depends on many factors such as number of selections made by OSBs procurement of land by the allottees and obtaining of various licences etc. It generally takes about 1-2 years for commissioning of the distributorships from the date of issue of advertisement.

Plight of Indians in Fiji

253. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether reports are received on a regular basis from our Resident Mission in Suva on the plight of Indian settlers in Fiji;

(b) whether as a follow up of such reports or otherwise, Government have taken up the problems encountered by Indian settlers in Fiji with the Secretariat of the Commonwealth of Nations; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to raise the issue with the United Nations Human Rights Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) there is no Resident Mission representing India in Suva.

(b) and (c) Government of India has taken sustained action to bring the racial discrimination against Fijian nationals of Indian ethnic origin to the notice of the international community e.g., at Commonwealth Summits, sessions of the United Nations General Assembly and United Nations Human Rights Commission and other international fora. We have noted that the Government of Fiji has set up a Constitutional Review Commission and we hope that this will prepare the way for a constitutional arrangement that is democratic, just and non discriminatory and acceptable to all nationals of Fiji including those of Indian ethnic origin. We have also made clear our view that until the review leads to an outcome on these lines, it would not be appropriate to consider Fiji's re-entry into the Commonwealth. The Government of India is keeping track of the progress in constitutional reform in Fiji and we are awaiting the outcome of the deliberations of the Constitutional Review Commission. Government will take this into account in deciding whether and in what manner to raise this issue in the United Nations Human Rights Commission.

Operation of Speed Post Service

254. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cities and towns which are connected by speed post service in the country;

(b) State-wise list of such cities and towns;

(c) the number of cities and towns which will be covered by speed post service in each State, the details thereof;

(d) by when each district headquarter will be connected by speed post service; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to open speed post offices throughout the country; if so, the details thereof?

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